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Tribute to Boer War hero

Author comes 'home' for book signing

Pangea Sculptures art consultant Bridget Mason (right) and Emma Taylor with one of the sculptures similar to those stolen

Giraffes worth £24k stolen from Merlin Business Park

THIEVES who raided a West Lancashire business made off with a total of 122 giraffes!

No, it's not a tall story – the giraffes in question were handmade miniature sculptures that were taken from Pangea Sculptures on the Merlin Business Park, Ringtail Road, Burscough some time last week.

• *Full story inside*

BURSCOUGH IS HOTSPOT FOR FAMILIES

Report by **Henry James**

Village named one of 20 best places to live in England and Wales

BURSCOUGH has been named one of the top 20 best places in England and Wales for families to live, according to a 'hotspots' survey just released.

The Family Hotspots Report by financial firm 'One Family' named the West Lancashire village as one of the best places to bring up children.

The annual report, which is now in its fifth year, helps families by revealing the most suitable areas for them to live in by analysing everything from education, safety and childcare costs to local amenities, affordable property and green spaces.

Burscough was included in the list as it has property prices below the national average with a two bed costing £159,311 and high average wages (£22,662) which One Family says "suggests strong employment opportunities."

The West Lancashire village, which has a population of over 18,000 people, is new to the Top 20.

One Family said the following about Burscough: "The town has one secondary school, Burscough Priory Science College which achieved specialist school status in science, and a string of primaries. It also enjoys a very low crime rate.

"The Leeds and Liverpool canal runs through the village and is the site of Burscough Wharf. Families can also enjoy a day out at Martin Mere, a large wildfowl reserve and visitor attraction on the edge of the village."

Burscough resident and County councillor Cynthia Dereli, commented: "'It's wonderful to see Burscough in the list of the top 20 places in the country to bring up children. **Cont. inside**

Burscough Wharf – one of the reasons why the village is so popular

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Solicitor in 'no jail' plea for man with cocaine in his sock

By Our Court Reporter

JAILING a West Lancs man who was found in possession of cocaine while on a suspended prison sentence would be unjust, his solicitor said as he argued a crown court judge had been too hard on him.

Andrew Wood, 24, of Briars Brook, Lathom, was on a crown court 24–week sentence, suspended for 24 months, when he was found to be carrying cocaine in his sock during a police search in Liverpool on August 5.

Severe

When Wood appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court on September 16, where he pleaded guilty to possession of the class A drug, his solicitor Mark Philips said that the crown court sentence seemed "particularly hard" given that it was for a class C drug–related offence.

The courts would not normally give such a severe sentence even for a class B drug offence, he said.

Telling the court that Wood has "a lot going for him" as he has two young children and is undergoing a HGV driver's course, he appealed to the magistrates not to activate the sentence on the grounds that it would be unjust.

"Punish him by all means," he said, "Give him a curfew, make him aware that his offending cannot continue, but to send him to prison for this would not only have an effect upon him but his family too."

However, following guidance from the legal clerk, the magistrates sent the case to Liverpool Crown Court in the week commencing October 26 for the sentencing judge to deal with.

Council could have to sell more than 440 homes – claim

Government plans would have "devastating impact" on families says charity chief

By **Henry James**

MORE than 440 council homes in West Lancashire could be sold on the private market under government plans, according to research by the homelessness charity, Shelter.

Bosses at Shelter believe the scheme would have a "devastating impact" and will force families into "unstable and expensive private renting."

Under the proposed scheme councils would be forced to sell homes valued at more than a set threshold for the region once they become vacant. The money would then be used to fund discounts of up to £100,000 for housing association tenants taking up the Right to Buy.

According to the charity's estimates, West Lancashire would be the third worst hit area in the North West with the council forced to sell 7% of their total of housing stock once they become vacant.

Campbell Robb

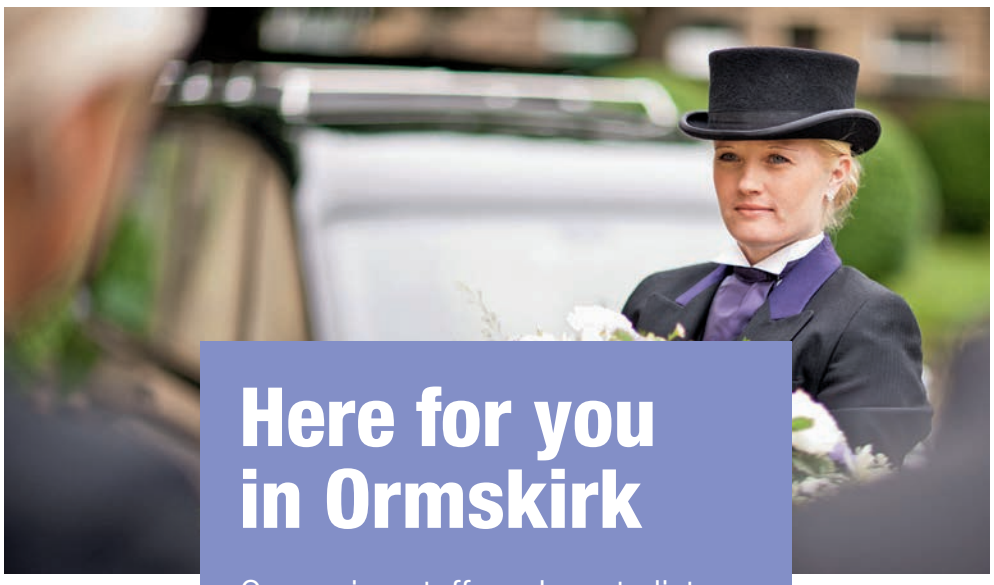
Campbell Robb, Shelter's chief executive, said: "At a time when millions of families are struggling to find somewhere affordable to live, plans to sell off large swathes of the few genuinely affordable homes we have left is only going to make things worse.

"More and more families with barely a hope of ever affording a home of their own and who no longer have the option of social housing, will be forced into unstable and expensive private renting.

"The government needs to scrap this proposal and start helping the millions of ordinary families struggling with sky–high housing costs. If George Osborne is serious about turning around the housing crisis, the autumn spending review is his last chance to invest in the genuinely affordable homes this country desperately needs."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council said it was too early to speculate on the possible effects of the propoals.

He said: "Estimates by Shelter are speculative at present as there have been no announcements from government on the detail of these proposals. Once details are available the council will assess the effects of these changes."



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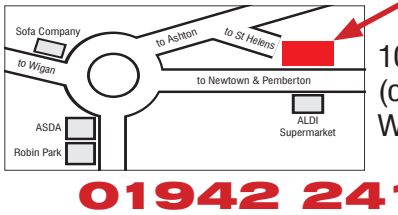

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Giraffe sculptures stolen in industrial estate raid

From page 1

Bosses at the firm, which has only been open 10 months, say the sculptures retail at £195 valuing the total haul at around £24,000.

The giraffes were shipped in from Kenya and the company had been planning to sell them in the run–up to Christmas.

Now they say they will have to wait more than a month for a new shipment.

Emma Taylor, office manager at Pangea Solutions, said: "A total of 122 giraffes were stolen from one of our containers. The theft must have happened some time last week although we can't pinpoint the time as the containers aren't checked on a daily basis.

"A team of metal artists make them in Kenya. They are handmade from recycled metal. Each giraffe is slightly different and is made by a different artist. They are unique and sell for £195 each.

"It takes weeks for the order to be shipped. You have to wait a minimum of six weeks for another delivery. The giraffes are very detailed, so it could take longer than six weeks for them to be shipped.

"We are an up–and–coming business and this is a real blow for us. We will be short now in the run–up to Christmas. The giraffes are a good seller, and we are really disappointed. It is a knock to the business."

A spokeswoman for Ormskirk Police said: "Pangea Sculptures on Merlin Business Park, Ringtail Road, Burscough Industrial Estate have been burgled. The burglary has taken place sometime over the last week but the bosses at Pangea can't be specific because it was one of their shipping containers which was broken into on the site, which they don't check everyday.

"Enquiries are ongoing regarding CCTV covering the area."

Village is family hotspot

From page 1

"But this is an acknowledgement of what many of us have known for a long time – that we have great schools with absolutely dedicated teachers doing a wonderful job for our children.

"And it's also an acknowledgement of all the work that goes on in our community in and beyond the schools themselves – many people giving up their time to be involved in voluntary groups from churches to parish council from sports activities to craft groups, all helping to make this a great community to be part of and in which to bring up children."

Deserved

Alan Bullen, a former leader of the borough council and Burscough resident, added: "I am absolutely delighted that Burscough has gained the recognition that it has always deserved.

"I have lived here for 75 of my 77 years and I have had the priviledge of serving on the local authorities in the area and could not be more pleased."

Top of the list was Wokingham.

MP in call for end to 'marathon' school bus trips

Journey that used to take 20 minutes now takes three times as long – claim

Report by **Henry James**

PUPILS travelling to school in Ormskirk from neighbouring Skelmersdale are facing trips that take up to an hour following route changes implemented by Arriva – according to Rosie Cooper.

And the West Lancs MP is calling on the bus company to come up with a solution to the problem which, she says, sees some pupils as young as 11 having to set out as early as 7am to get to school.

Ms Cooper says that because of changes to connecting buses and no direct services following the loss of the 311, journeys to school which used to take 20 minutes now take up to an hour.

This means pupils, as young as 11–years–old, are having to catch the bus at 7.18am and not arriving at school until 8.15am.

Meanwhile some pupils who are supposed to be at breakfast club are arriving too late to have their food before the day starts.

Then, once school finishes at 3.15pm, pupils travelling home face the problems of over–crowded already full buses and waiting for later buses means some pupils are only getting home at 5pm or even later in the evening.

Rosie Cooper said: "It is deeply concerning that children as young as 11 years old are facing a 10–hour day in order to attend school. This is a long day for young children, especially when it could be reduced by two hours a day by simply improving the transport services on the routes to and from school.

"For children to get the most out of their education they need to be alert and concentrate on learning. Being sat on a bus for an hour and missing breakfast in some cases is not the best start to a day's learning.

"I have raised this issue with Arriva who operate this bus service and also with Lancashire County Council as the local education authority.

Rosie Cooper

"We need to find a solution that reduces school travel between Skelmersdale and Ormskirk back to 20 minutes, as it used to be, whether that it is a public transport service or a dedicated school bus service."

A spokesperson for Arriva said: "The recent network changes in the Skelmersdale area were made after discussions with Merseytravel and Lancashire County Council. As always we continue to review the network and the effect any changes may have, and we will of course take any comments we receive into consideration."

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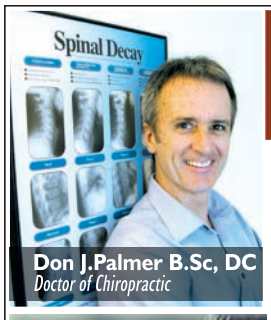

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Local businesses urged to apply for new grants

COUNCIL chiefs are urging local businesses to apply for two new grants.

The £8 million Lancashire Business Growth Fund has already helped a number of enterprises in the county to grow and create sustainable jobs by providing funding to bring forward larger–scale growth projects.

Schemes that are eligible for funding include property acquisition and improvement and the purchasing of machinery.

Businesses can apply for up to 20% of the total funding of their project, with a minimum grant of £10,000.

There is no maximum grant, although any application looking for more than £250,000 would have to go through the due diligence process.

Free dedicated support is available to help through the application process and businesses of any size can apply but they must be trading business to business. Retail and business to consumer operations are not eligible.

Proposals must also create private sector jobs in Lancashire and leverage in private sector investment in order to be eligible.

The grant is already proving very popular and businesses should enquire immediately to ensure they don't miss out.

For further details contact the council's economic regeneration team on 01695 712692 or by email at info.edu@westlancs.gov.uk.

Meanwhile, West Lancs Council has unveiled a new funding scheme that is now available and exclusive to businesses in the borough.

The Let's talk Apprentices Grant Scheme aims to increase the skills in the borough's key priority sectors by supporting eligible businesses to recruit West Lancashire 16 to 24 year–olds into employment through an apprenticeship programme.

Businesses can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 per apprentice and make a maximum of two applications.

Alongside the government's AGE Incentive grant this means eligible businesses could potentially receive up to £2,500 to recruit an apprentice, subject to availability and eligibility.

To be eligible businesses must employ less than 50 people in the UK, be based in West Lancashire and commit to employ the apprentice for a minimum of 12 months.

The apprentices must live in West Lancashire and have started their apprenticeship after September 1 2015.

The Let's talk Apprentices grant will be issued on a first–come, first–served basis. For more details contact Tracey Shaw at the economic regeneration team on 01695 712555 or email tracey.shaw@westlancs.gov.uk.

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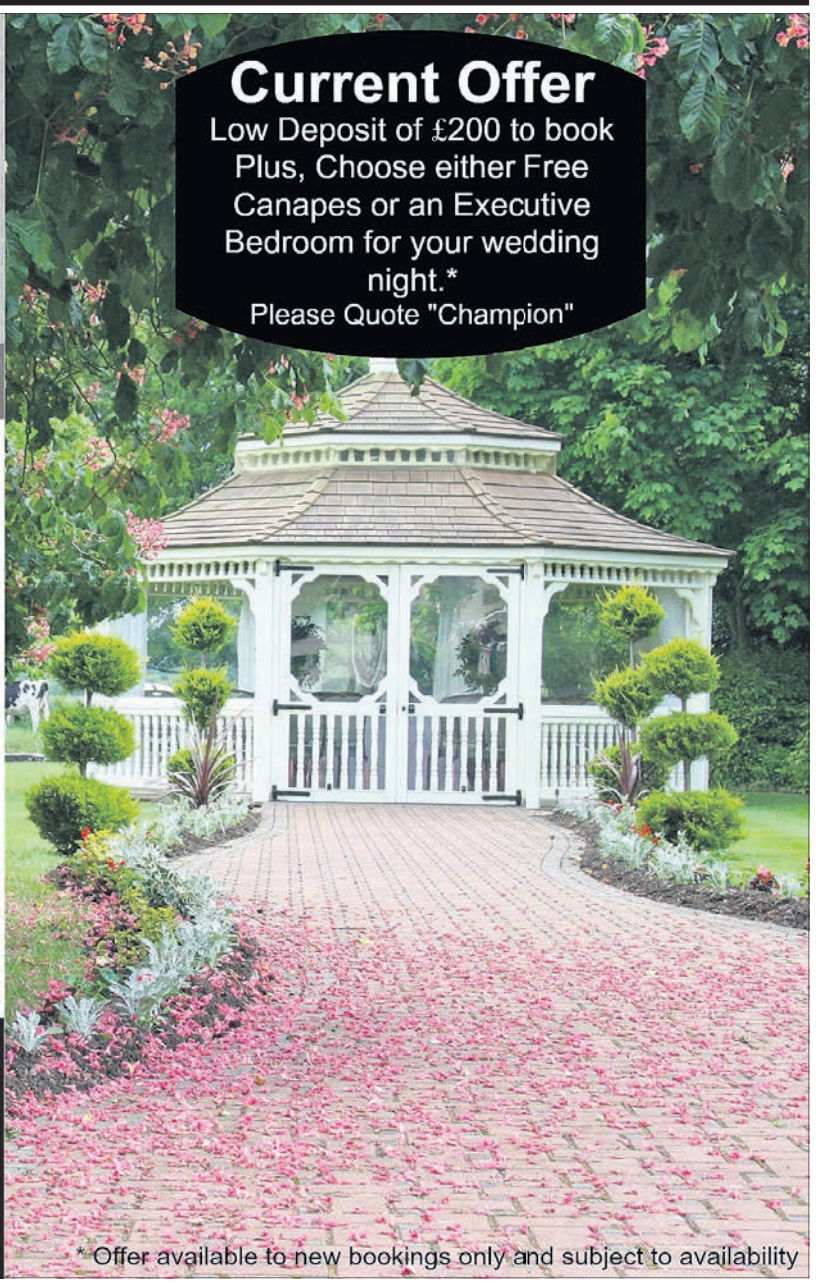
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Borough plaque tribute to Boer War VC hero

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Council is set to honour the memory of a locally–born war hero with a commemorative plaque bearing his name – more than 100 years after he was awarded the country's highest military decoration.

William Edward Heaton, who was born in Bickerstaffe, was awarded the Victoria Cross for "valour in the face of the enemy" while serving with the 1st Battalion Kings Liverpool Regiment in South Africa during the Second Boer War in August 1900.

Researchers at the borough council believe he is the only person from West Lancashire to be awarded the VC.

At last week's meeting of the West Lancs Council cabinet councillors decided to erect a permanent tribute to William in the shape of a carved stone commemorative plaque to be situated – appropriately – in Victoria Park, Ormskirk, close to the existing Boer War memorial.

Surrounded

Having taken part in the relief of Ladysmith, William's battalion then went north through eastern Transvaal and two companies of the Liverpool Regiment went forward to help the British cavalry.

On a ridge facing the main Boer positions at Geluk Farm and under heavy fire, the unit sustained heavy casualties and was in danger of being overrun.

His citation reads: 'On the 23rd August, 1900, the company to which Private Heaton belonged, advancing in front of the general line held by the troops, became surrounded by the enemy and was suffering severely. At the request of the Officer Commanding, Private Heaton volunteered to take a message back to explain the position of the company. He was successful, though at the imminent risk of his own life. Had it not been for Private Heaton's courage there can be little doubt that the remainder of the company, which suffered very severely, would have had to surrender.'

VC hero William Heaton. Picture courtesy of National Museums Liverpool

Later William was promoted to corporal and on August 14, 1901 he was presented with the Victoria Cross at Pietermaritzburg by the then Duke of York (later King George V).

Carved

Born in Bickerstaffe in January, 1875 William was baptised at Ormskirk Parish Church and according to council records in 1891 he lived at No. 3 Court 17, Aughton Street, Ormskirk, which is now the Market Way car park.

He died aged 65 in June 1941. His VC is now on display at the Museum of Liverpool.

In his report to the cabinet meeting, the assistant director of planning at the council, John Harrison, wrote: "Being awarded a Victora Cross is a very rare honour and from research to date William Heaton is the only person with associations with West Lancashire to be awarded a VC."

The plaque, measuring 300mm square, will include William's name, date of birth and the date he received his VC. And it will also feature a carved Victoria Cross based on the one used by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Flying start for village memorial fund project

IT was standing room only at the launch of a project to raise funds for a new memorial to Scarisbrick men killed during the First World War.

The project, a joint effort by Scarisbrick Parish Council in partnership with Scarisbrick Hall School, kicked off with an entertaining and informative event at the school on Saturday (September 19) that attracted a good turn–out.

Aim of the project is to establish a fully–inclusive memorial to the fallen of the parish in time for the centenary of the Armistice in 2018. It is also intended to install memorial books in local churches and schools which tell the stories of these men rather than simply remembering them as names.

The parish council is also keen to ensure that a 'forgotten' group is also remembered – the men who served and returned home.

The launch event was opened by Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessey, in the opulent and historic setting of the school's Great Hall.

Visitors were then taken back in time with a presentation by Veronica Massam outlining events in Scarisbrick as the conflict approached and the nostalgic atmosphere was completed by children from Pinfold School who sang songs from the era while the audience joined in the singing of classics such as 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' and 'Bicycle Built for Two.'

The event also featured an exhibition of artefacts from the war and posters outlining the stories of Scarisbrick men who died during the conflict.

And there was a 'sponsor a soldier' scheme whereby visitors could receive a short biography of the soldier of their choice in return for a donation.

All proceeds from the day, about £225 in total, went to the memorial fund.

Enjoyable

Scarisbrick parish councillor John Herbert, said: "The parish council is indebted to the generosity of the owners and staff of Scarisbrick Hall School in providing the venue free of charge and to all who contributed to making this a successful and enjoyable event.

"The council stress that it needs the help of the community to raise funds for the project and is appealing for individuals, groups of friends, organisations, schools, churches and local businesses to organise events to help raise money.

"Anyone who has information regarding men from the parish who served is also encouraged to come forward.

"The council can be contacted by email at scarisbrickww1@outlook.com or via the community website at www.scarisbrick.today."

More recognition for Edge Hill

EDGE Hill has received more national recognition after rising up the rankings in yet another university 'league table.'

The Ormskirk university has been named in the top four in the North West in The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2016, improving four places nationally and also scoring highly for graduate prospects and degree completion rates.

The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2016 is published over the course of three days, beginning with a 56–page supplement in the newspaper on September 20, and provides a comprehensive overview of higher education in Britain.

A separate analysis of student satisfaction with the quality of the teaching at each institution is also published for the first time this year.

Edge Hill's success in the Sunday Times table adds to a year of achievements which started with being awarded the Times Higher University of the Year accolade and also saw it rise in the Guardian university league table and achieve great results in the National Student Survey.

Dr John Cater

The National Student Survey (NSS) is the most important measure of student satisfaction and at institution level Edge Hill has sustained last year's record performance with of 4.2 out of 5.

Based on the responses to all 23 questions in the survey (which cover teaching, assessment and feedback, academic support, organisation and management, learning resources, personal development, overall satisfaction and satisfaction with the students' union) Edge Hill occupies a top 10 position among all English universities.

Edge Hill vice–chancellor, Dr John Cater, said: "From being awarded University of the Year to consistently rising through national league tables, a top four position in the North West in the Sunday Times University Guide shows that we are being recognised for our great student satisfaction scores, our commitment to research and providing life–changing opportunities for our students."

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'Examine your options if you need medical help'

Nursing chief in call to ease pressure on A&E as nights draw in

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

Simon Featherstone

PEOPLE requiring medical help are being urged to examine their options in order to ease pressure on busy A&E departments as the autumn nights draw in.

Simon Featherstone, director of nursing and quality at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "As we all get used to being back at work and school after the summer holidays, it's worth remembering that there are many routes to getting medical care.

"Coughs, colds, sore throats, upset stomachs, general aches and pains, and flu will usually clear up on their own. Keep warm, drink plenty of fluids and, if appropriate, treat with over–the–counter painkillers such as paracetamol.

"You should contact a GP or the GP out of hours service for help with injuries or illnesses that won't go away.

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"A&E is for people facing life–threatening and serious emergencies, such as serious accidents, serious burns, breathing problems, heart attacks and strokes.

"You don't need an appointment at A&E but we'll make an assessment on arrival and, depending on how urgent treatment is needed, you may have to wait up to four hours. The triage nurse or clinician may also signpost you to a different health care provider, such as your GP, dentist or pharmacy.

"That's why you might be better examining your options first and choosing another NHS service – or even treating yourself.

"Alternatively, West Lancashire Health Centre at Ormskirk Hospital is open from 8am to 10pm all year round. Skelmersdale NHS Walk–in Centre at The Concourse is open from 7am to 10pm weekdays and 9am to 5pm on weekends.

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Council gives go–ahead for solar panels scheme

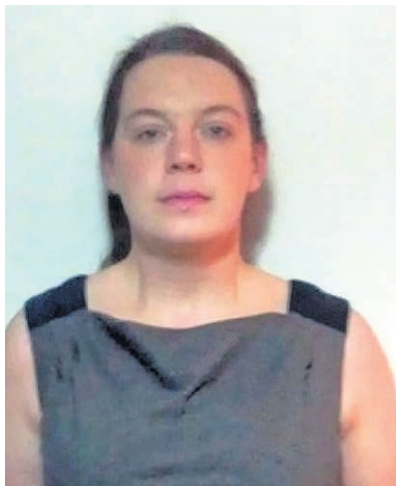
Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council home tenants could save between £50 and £200 a year on electricity bills following the authority's decision to invest up to £4.44m installing solar panels on selected properties.

The panels will be installed on around 1,000 houses and bungalows and will generate electricity during daylight hours which can be used by the tenant free of charge. This will significantly reduce the amount of electricity they consume from the National Grid, and reduce their energy bills.

Councillor Jennifer Patterson, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for housing, said: "We are very excited about this project as it could be of great benefit to tenants struggling with fuel poverty, as well as reducing carbon emissions and helping to tackle climate change. It will also contribute to the UK's renewable energy targets."

The government's Feed–in Tariff scheme will pay the council for the electricity the solar panel systems generate, regardless of whether it's used in the tenants' homes or not. Over time, this income will pay back the capital cost of installing the panels and provide a return on investment that can be used to support council services in future years.



Councillor Jennifer Patterson, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for housing

The scheme was approved at an extraordinary council meeting on Tuesday, September 15.

The properties selected for solar panels have been chosen based on their orientation and roof size. South, south east and south west facing properties will generate the most energy and therefore will help make the project a financially viable investment for the council as well as being of benefit to the tenants.

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This means the council can't include all properties at this time but many other tenants have already benefitted from other energy efficiency measures including new energy–efficient heating systems and gas network extensions, insulation measures and new energy–efficient doors and windows. Some of this work involved bringing gas into homes in Skelmersdale which had never had gas before.

The council will borrow the money to fund the solar panels scheme. The project will be rolled out quickly with works starting in mid–October and scheduled to be completed before January 2016.

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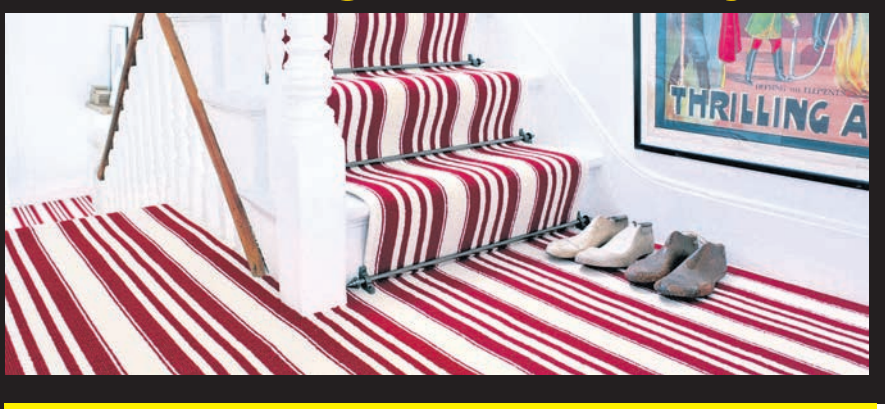

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Top chef behind restaurant plan for manor house

By Henry James

A TOP chef is the man behind plans to turn a Grade II listed manor house in Aughton into a world–class restaurant.

Mark Birchall, a former executive chef at Michelin two–starred L'Enclume in Cartmel, Cumbria, has been revealed as the driving force for the scheme to transform Moor Hall, which is is believed to date from the 13th century with a separate gatehouse, stables, barns and lake set within five acres of grounds.

The proposals, to create a 50–seat restaurant and private dining room for 12, have been approved by West Lancs Council.

The aim is to fully restore and redesign the historic building "to a very high" standard in partnership with Andy and Tracey Bell.

Also included in the plans are the creation of seven large bedrooms – five in the main house and two in the nearby gatehouse.

Mark Birchall outside Moor Hall

Experience

A spokesman for the scheme said: "Mark's menus will showcase his own style of modern British cuisine, reflecting the broad culinary experience he has garnered over the last 15 years.

"His plans for Moor Hall also include the transformation of additional buildings within the grounds (lodge, barns, stables) for extensive further dining and kitchen operations, as well as developing the gardens, orchards and small lake."

The Chorley–born chef began his career working at The Walnut Tree in Abergavenny, Wales, with Franco Taruschio, and then at Northcote Manor with Nigel Haworth.

During his tenure at L'Enclume from 2006 to this year, Mark helped guide the team to five AA Rosettes, two Michelin stars, and the UK's best restaurant in the Waitrose Good Food Guide with a full 10 out of 10 rating.

L'Enclume also featured in comedians Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon's TV series, The Trip, while Mark also won the Roux Scholarship in 2011, the premier competition for chefs in the UK, which enabled him to spend time at Michelin three–starred El Celler de Can Roca in Spain.

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Ormskirk store not on Morrisons 'hit list'

Report by **Henry James**

THE Morrisons store in Ormskirk is NOT among the 11 earmarked for closure by the supermarket chain.

Bosses at the Bradford–based company announced last week that spiralling profits were forcing them to close a number of stores throughout the country, although staff were only told days later which faced the chop.

Now though the full list has been revealed and none are in Merseyside or Lancashire, meaning that jobs at the Ormskirk store in Park Road are safe for the time being, along with those at neighbouring stores in Southport and Maghull.

Stores in the North West that are due to close are at Salford and in Tyldesley near Wigan.

The closures will put 900 jobs at risk in total although no time scale has been confirmed yet.

Earlier this month Morrisons agreed to sell 140 M local convenience stores for about £25m, to a team led by retail entrepreneur, Mike Greene, backed by Greybull Capital LLP.

Morrisons chief executive, David Potts, said he made the announcement with "great regret", but added they could not make the stores viable.

He added that Morrisons faced a "long journey" to recovery as their pre–tax profits have just halved. The company closed 10 supermarkets at the start of the year with the loss of 430 jobs.

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Andrew comes ‘home’ to promote autobiography

Former dentist’s moving story tells how faith and determination have helped him to rebuild his life and raise funds for charity

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A FORMER dentist from Burscough who was left with ‘Locked–in syndrome’ after suffering a stroke has returned to the village to promote his recently–published autobiography in aid of charity.

Andrew Davies grew up in Burscough and was a pupil at Lordsgate CE and Priory High schools before qualifying as a dentist at Birmingham University in 2002.

However, a massive brain stem stroke in November 2011 left him paralysed and only able to communicate by a series of blink.

The 36–year–old, his wife Emma and mum, Barbara were at Burscough Methodist Church in Orrell Lane from 11am to 1pm on Saturday (September 19) where he signed copies of his autobiography, Pressed But Not Crushed.

Featuring chapters written by Emma and Barbara, the book tells how his faith has helped Andrew to come to terms with his illness and how he has not only strived to live a full life but has gone above and beyond, seeking out opportunities to fundraise for the freedom of human trafficking victims.

When the book was officially launched at a charity ball in Birmingham on Saturday, September 12 it raised a staggering £11,500 for the charity Hope for Justice, which aims to end human trafficking and slavery.

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Andrew with mum Barbara and wife Emma at the book signing at Burscough Methodist Church. Code1084410

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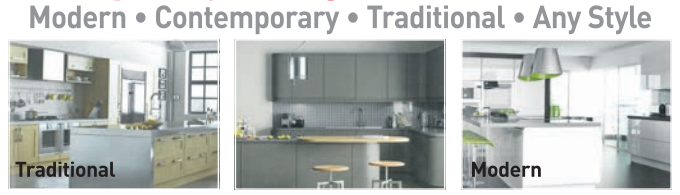

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Action needed on this dangerous practice

I AM made up that somebody else feels the same as me regarding vehicles blocking pathways.

Being a dog owner and having a disabled wife who uses her mobility scooter we regularly walk around the Stanley industrial estate which has a pathway that circles the estate and on at least three occasions I've had to call into the Plastic Card Company and ask the receptionist to get cars moved from parking across the pathway and obstructing my right of way.

This being three times too many I complained to Lancashire parking services but they have not returned my calls as of yet.

On another note, the same pathway goes through Lathom High School, down through the River Tawd, up over the yellow bridge across Houghton's Road and down in to Mill Lane up towards the Tawd Vale pub.

This was a favourite walk of ours but since having our mobility scooter the barriers (three of them on this route) that have been installed to prevent the motor bikes now prevent us from using this route.

And it's not just us. On a few occasions I've had to help mothers with young toddles and babies in prams through these barriers.

Hopefully somebody can address this issue now it's been highlighted.

John Hudson, by email

CARS that are parked irresponsibly on pavements can cause a potentially dangerous obstruction for pedestrians as it can force them on to the road and into the path of vehicles.

Newly–released research by YouGov has shown that three quarters (74%) of people are affected by vehicles parked on the pavement.

Some groups – including people living with sight loss, older people or those with buggies – are at greater risk. 91% of respondents to a Guide Dogs survey who live with sight loss said that parked cars on the pavement regularly obstruct them.

You can see how dangerous pavement parking can be in real–life video footage, filmed from a guide dog's view, of a guide dog and their owner having to go out into the road to get around a car at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oMQt–cfEFsg.

I am urging the public to ensure they don't park on the pavement.

Nikki Sarath, Ormskirk

All student lettings should be inspected by council

I AM glad the Edge Hill students' union president Steve Rouke has spoken out about unscrupulous landlords (Champion, September 9).

In the area where I live, we have not only excellent landlords but also a couple of unscrupulous letting agents.

Time and time again I hear from students about some of the conditions they are living in.

One of the properties has a totally overgrown garden with debris – i.e. a bath, cement etc. in the back garden – and condensation on the inner windows and holes drilled into the side of the property with what looks like a jigsaw of pipes.

The previous students told the neighbour that they were informed by the letting agent that the garden was regularly maintained. It is not. They were not given their deposit back because there was a scratch in the hall.

Another household had green damp from the ceiling, not enough bathroom facilities for seven students and tiny bedrooms – to name just a few problems.

I would stress we do also have excellent landlords as well who take care of their properties.

I strongly believe all student lettings should be inspected by the council for student safety and neighbours' amenity.

Jane Thompson, Our West Lancashire

PICTURE of the week

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Bring in the greens for the harvest celebration

Becconsall Old Church Conservation Trust member Judith Malkin with some of the produce donated by local growers which featured in the annual Heritage Harvest celebration at the historic church.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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Fears over fracking

IT appears the government has licensed fracking in Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and the villages of Crawford and Dalton.

As a parent I am terrified of my children being poisoned by chemicals that are a by–product of this process.

I think people need to think long and hard about whether they completely believe this is risk–free.

Concerned Crawford resident, by email

Good deed did not go unnoticed

ON Sunday, September 6 I was walking along Vicarage Lane, Westhead as cyclists taking part in the West Lancs Triathlon were racing by.

One of them, a young man, suddenly stopped, turned around and went back to help a parishioner on his way to church who had fallen over and was unable to get up.

I want to thank this good Samaritan for his kindness. He forfeited his position in the race to help an elderly man in need. His actions are an example to us all and did not go unnoticed.

Jo Gray, by email

Like him or not, at least new Labour leader offers a genuine alternative to the Tories in Westminster at last

IT'S good to see genuine opposition to the Tories in Westminster now.

Jeremy Corbyn may not be your cup of tea but he balances out all the Tories from Labour and Conservative parties. And, like all Tories, the Blairites are already stabbing Corbyn in the back.

It may interest you to know that the local Ormskirk Labour group backed Andy Burnham, despite his links to companies who want to privatise the NHS.

They don't appear to have aided Burnham with cash, although it wouldn't be declared if less than £500 per payment. But he had two people helping his campaign who are lobbyists for big pharma and private medicine. They are John Lehal from Insight Consulting Group and Katie Myler from Burson–Marstellar.

Burson–Marstellar are the lobbyists who work for HCA International, a massive private medicine company who want chunks of our NHS, despite their appalling record at running hospitals and services in the UK.

An ex health minister who stood for Labour leadership talking about protecting the NHS, while his campaign was run by those who are trying to privatise the NHS looks like typical Blairite hypocrisy.

Does that mean the local Labour party also wants a privatised NHS? After all, they backed the person who is most likely to bring it about after he sold out to private medical companies. Maybe the local Labour party need to re–think their priorities. Who can trust them if they say the back the NHS now?

Rosie Cooper didn't put her name forward to back any candidate.

Ken Walters, Green Lane Avenue, Ormskirk

No moral base for outrage over eligibility of leadership poll voters

MUCH outrage is being expressed over the Labour party allowing supporters who are not currently party members to take part in its leadership election.

Some of the outrage comes from members of the party who are themselves converts from the days when its popularity offered all sorts of career opportunities.

Another equally insincere criticism comes from the Tory party hoping, no doubt, that this 'extension of democracy' can be portrayed as a 'left–wing takeover of a once decent party.'

Neither of these views have any basis in fact or sincerity.

Those people who were lured into membership by the glow of New Labour, and their sense that their then current political ship was sinking under them, have little moral base from which to criticise socialists who wish to return the party to traditional values.

The Tory party may just possibly wish to share with Labour their experience in West Lancs in 2007 when they invited anyone and everyone to take part in the selection of their parliamentary candidate.

A fellow socialist, Steve Hanlon and I found this offer irresistible and took part enthusiastically. In my own case, my support for Adrian Owens was fully justified as he was soundly beaten and subsequently walked away from the Tories to form his own party, a course of action which in West Lancs to date has not proved particularly successful.

But who knows, a few years is a long time in politics and he may be forgiven and welcomed back before the next General Election.

Alderman Alan Bullen, Very Old Labour

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Call for public to be better informed on borough recycling

By **Danielle Thompson**

A BOROUGH councillor is calling for improvements to be made to the way that recycling is publicised in West Lancs.

Derby ward Councillor Adrian Owens had urged the authority to consider increasing the range of materials that can be recycled via residents' blue bins and boxes, following concerns raised by his constituents.

And at the last council meeting it was agreed to increase the list of materials so that it now includes aluminium foil and aluminium trays, as well as a wider range of plastics.

Now though Cllr. Owens is calling on the council to update their recycling guidance so that residents are more aware.

He said: "Residents want to do their bit and they deserve accurate information on recycling. As changes to the recycling system are coming it would cost local residents dearly, both financially and environmentally, if recycling isn't maximised.

Councillor Owens

"While the council publicity is being updated, Our West Lancashire have produced our own updated guidance which is available in electronic format on request from our office."

Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran commented: "We welcome praise from councillors across the political spectrum of this council's increased moves towards recycling which have been implemented under the new Labour administration since May, and we look forward to presenting these recent changes to residents in the coming weeks.

"We also welcome the continued input from residents across West Lancashire and have invested up to £5,000 to formally facilitate this, whilst in the meantime residents can ask questions of myself, this council, or any councillor via our contact details which can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk, and we will happily respond promptly, rather than having to wait up to two months for a full council meeting."

A spokesman for the borough council added: "The council is very proud of its track record on recycling and latest figures show that about 50% of household waste collected in West Lancashire is recycled. We would like to thank residents for their participation to achieve this.

"The council can now accept aluminium foil, aluminium trays and a range of plastics as recyclable material, provided they are all clean. We have been working on the publicity material to promote this change which includes updating the appropriate pages on the council's website."

Trust doctor shortlisted for award

A LOCAL children's doctor has been shortlisted for Clinical Leader of the Year in the prestigious 2015 HSJ Awards.

Dr May Ng, who is clinical director of paediatrics at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, has led multiple national award–winning initiatives, including highly commended runner–up for Diabetes Team of the Year in the national BMJ Awards 2015.

Last December her team's children's diabetes service was named one of the best in the country after achieving nearly maximum marks in a national peer review of trusts and services diagnosing and

Dr Ng

providing diabetes treatment to children and young people.

Dr Ng said: "It's an honour to be a finalist for the HSJ clinical leadership award which reflects the dedication and skill of the fantastic colleagues I work with. It's their unstinting dedication to the care of our patients that makes this nomination possible."

As chair of the North West Paediatric Diabetes Network, the largest in the country, Dr Ng led the network to win the Judges' Award in the 2014 National Diabetes Quality In Care Awards for the development of a national care plan for the management of diabetes in schools.

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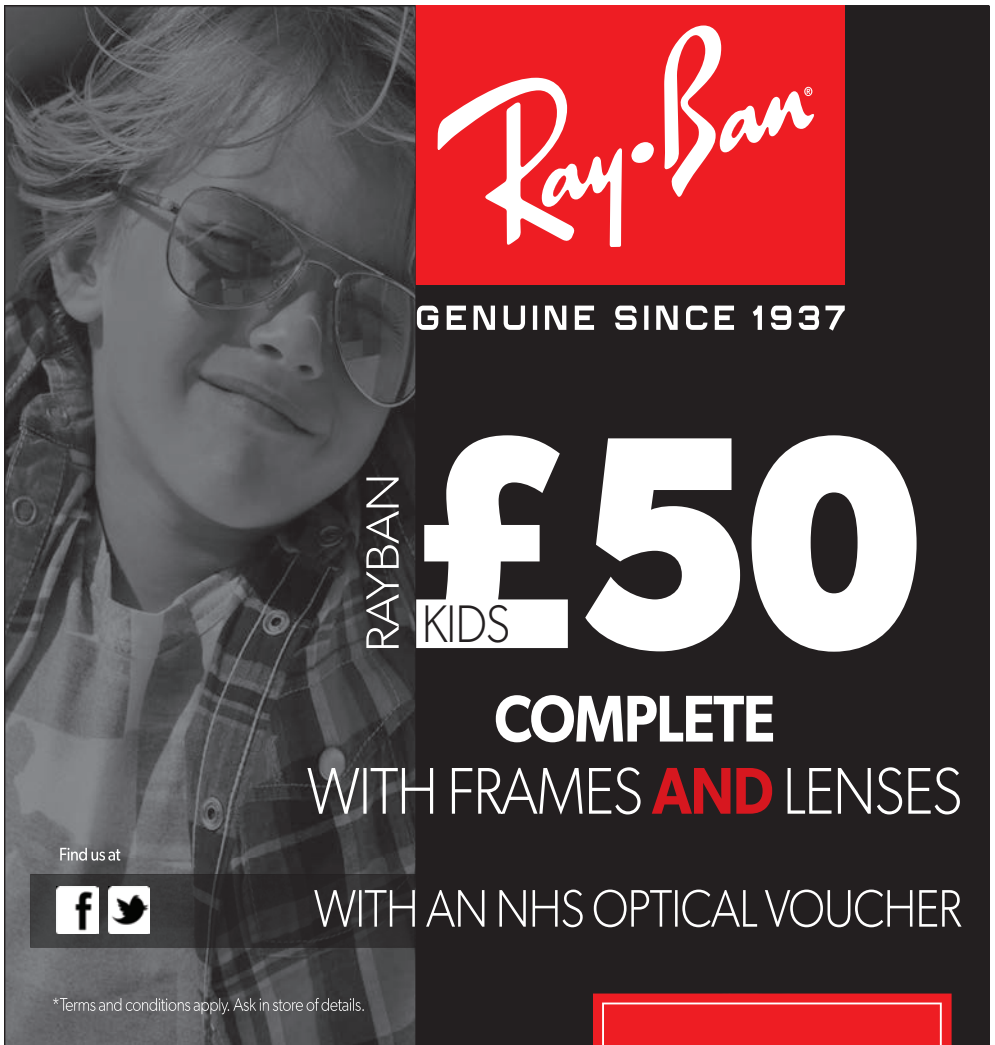

Countdown to Beer, Food and Wine festival begins

THE countdown has begun in earnest to the Ormskirk Beer, Food and Wine Festival and organisers say they hope it will become an annual event to rival the town's Motorfest.

The festival will take place this weekend from Friday to Sunday, September 26–28 and is a collaboration between Ormskirk Cricket Club and The Cricketers Pub in Chapel Street.

It will be staged at the cricket club in Altys Lane and will run from 5 to 10.3pm on Friday, 11am to 10.30pm on Saturday and 11am to 8pm on Sunday.

There will be food stalls from a range of local restaurants and cafés.

Local businesses providing food include The Cricketers (serving up hot pot and 'Lancashire Tapas', sauces, Spanish tapas and stews); Town Green Brasserie (sea food); Blue Mallard (duck pies and duck hot dogs) Mr Elephant (Indian); Salt & Liquor (tacos and tequila); Artisan Foodworks (artisan breads and pies); Roberts and Co (roasted coffee); Tipsy Rice (crepes and cocktails); Rustiki (beef and chicken skewers); Hop Inn Bier Shoppe (cheese and meat platters, continental and craft beer); and Infusions café (deli food).

There will also be more than 50 hand–pulled real ales from across the country and more than 50 wines from across the world (courtesy of Holborn Wines) and live music all weekend featuring local artists and bands.

Dave Speak, who runs the Cricketers, said: "I think it is going to be a fantastic event for Ormskirk. The festival will have more than 15 businesses in the area taking part. I can't think of many examples of events where so many businesses are working together.

"Planning for the festival has taken about four or five months and it's being jointly run by ourselves and Ormskirk Cricket Club.

The Cricketers pub

"Cricket club chairman Tim Dickinson and I are very keen for it to become an annual event and a highlight in the Ormskirk calendar similar to the Motorfest.

"The main aim is to highlight the fantastic food and drink available in Ormskirk and surrounding towns and to show how strong independent businesses can be when working together.

"The event is being held in a large, heated marquee so it will be great whatever the weather and a large number of tickets have already been sold across Lancashire, Merseyside and beyond."

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County council holds training sessions for new foster carers

LANCASHIRE County Council is running a series of training sessions for people who would like to become foster carers as it gears up to cope with increasing numbers of teenagers and sibling groups coming into care.

Currently, there are around 1,600 children and young people in the county's care who are unable to be cared for by their own family for a period of time.

In most cases, they are cared for by trained foster carers who give their time, support and their homes, when they really need it.

Since April 2015 the county council has had to find 109 foster care placements for teenagers, making up 38% of all placements so far this year. There have also been 43 requests for sibling groups (15%).

The council need to train 75 new foster carers this year to keep up with the demand on the service.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We are offering places on our training courses for those who can provide a home to a child for as long as they need it.

"There is a particular need for foster carers who can look after older children, and sibling groups who we like to keep together.

"You don't need any qualifications to be a foster carer as full training is provided, and working for us you will get a generous allowance and a great network of support.

"All you need is to be over 21, have a spare room in your home and real desire to make a difference in a child's life.

"Some people may be daunted by the challenge of looking after teenagers and siblings, but our training is second to none and our foster carers assure me that fostering is well worth the effort. In fact, some have even called it 'the best job in the world'."

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

Anyone interested in finding out more about assessment and training to be able to foster with Lancashire County Council can contact the county council's friendly team on 0300 123 6723 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering

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Carrier bag charge reminder to shoppers

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council is reminding shoppers and stores that compulsory charging for disposable carrier bags is set to come into force next month.

The Single Use Carrier Bags Charges (England) Order 2015 means that, from October 5, larger retailers must charge shoppers at least 5p for each disposable plastic carrier bag they provide.

The charge is just one of the environmental measures being introduced under the Climate Change Act 2008 aimed at reducing the seven billion plastic bags we throw away each year.

Similar legislation introduced in Wales in 2011 led to a 79% reduction in the number of carrier bags being treated as waste.

The county council's Trading Standards Service will enforce the changes, which apply to shops and delivery companies with premises in the county. The charges will affect any retailer with 250 or more full–time–equivalent employees.

It applies to all lightweight disposable carrier bags and also to more durable 'bags for life', although replacements for re–usable bags can still be provided free of charge when they wear out.

Bags used to sell goods such as raw meat, unwrapped food and certain medicines are exempt from the charge, as are bags provided as part of a service, such as shoe repairs or dry cleaning. Paper bags are also not covered by the legislation.

As well as the obvious visual litter problem caused by plastic bags, they have a devastating impact on marine animals. More than 100,000 animals die every year after ingesting or becoming entangled in them.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Making small changes to our shopping habits can make a huge difference to the environment. Re–using some of the 130 carrier bags we each throw away every year could have significant benefits to wildlife and help to save energy, and reduce waste and pollution.

County councillor Azhar Ali

"Our Trading Standards officers are currently working with businesses to prepare for this change in the law. If you think your business may be affected and would like some advice, please get in touch."

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Court Leet is toasted by town's real ale campaigners

Court Leet manager, Nathan McGovern

An Ormskirk pub has been acclaimed for the quality of its real ale – by members of the town's Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) branch.

The Court Leet in Wheatsheaf Walk is listed in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide 2016 published this month.

Local branch members chose the Wetherspoon pub following regular visits to check on the quality of the real ales on offer.

They also took into account customer service, décor and overall atmosphere.

A CAMRA spokesman said: "The Court Leet deserves its place in the Good Beer Guide 2016.

"It is our belief that if a licensee serves an excellent pint of real ale, then everything else in the pub, including customer service, quality of food and atmosphere, are likely to be of an equally high standard."

The pub's manager, Nathan McGovern, said: "I am delighted that The Court Leet has been recognised for the quality of its real ales by CAMRA members.

"We offer our customers an excellent range of real ales at all times, including those from regional brewers and microbrewers, as well as hosting our own beer festivals.

"Staff at the pub work hard to ensure that the real ales on offer are kept in first–class condition at all times and the pub's inclusion in the guide highlights this."

Stokers award

STOKERS Furnishers, who have an outlet in Derby Street, Ormskirk, have been named Furniture Retailer of the Year by Associated Independent Stores.

The award is voted for by some of the largest furniture suppliers in the country and was presented to Stokers at the AIS furniture show in Cranmore Park.

Managing director, Graham Schofield, said: "The directors of Stokers are thrilled to be named as Member of the Year. It is a testament to the hard work of all our staff which has been recognised by AIS suppliers.

"On behalf of the whole company, a huge thank you!

"It has been a big year for the company, recently celebrating 120 years in business and still going strong.

"Stokers has always been a family–run company and is currently in the care of the fourth generation. They now own 10 stores throughout the country and have a rapidly growing online presence."

Dr Lloyd is pictured (centre) with members of the West Lancs WW1 Anniversary Assocation Committee

War talk guest

DR Stephen Lloyd, curator of the Derby collection at Knowsley Hall, was guest speaker at the seventh in a series of First World War–themed talks held at Ormskirk library and hosted by the West Lancs World War One Anniversary Association.

Association member, Paul Kenyon, said: "Dr Lloyd spoke about various recently discovered items in the collection, appertaining to WW1 and other times. He showed several photographs, showing the 17th Earl of Derby, who was the Secretary of State for War, inspecting troops at St George's Plateau, Liverpool in March 1915, together with photos of women employed in munitions factories and railway engineering depots during the war."

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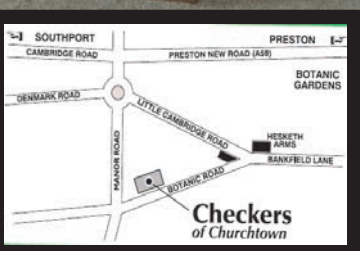

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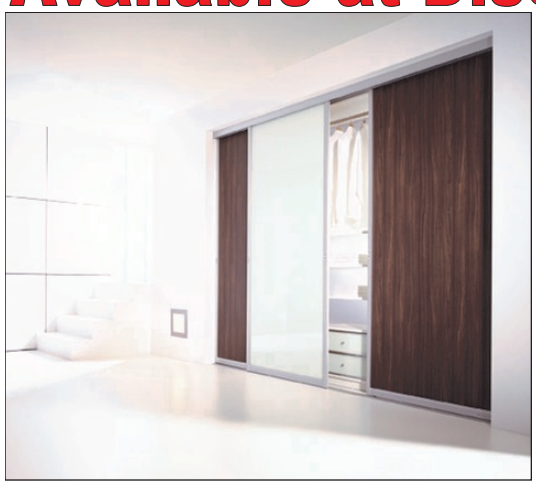

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The event will run from 10am to 4pm on both days at Lancashire Police headquarters in Hutton when members of the public will be invited to take a look at what happens 'behind the badge.'

With funding being provided from money seized from criminals in the county, the open weekend is free to the public who can 'access all areas' to get an understanding of how crimes are investigated and witness the force's efforts to keep Lancashire's communities safe.

There will be a host of activities and displays including police transport throughout the ages, a chance to see police dogs and horses put throughout their paces and a fancy dress competition for children.

There will also be exhibitions by Lancashire Fire and Rescue, the North West Ambulance Service, the Environment Agency, the Army, G4S, Coastguard, Bay Search and Rescue, Bowland Trust Mountain Rescue and others.

Chief constable, Steve Finnigan, said: "Events such as these are vital in building up openness, trust, understanding and confidence in our communities and better still, this one is being paid for by the criminals themselves.

"The day will provide local people with the opportunity to speak to officers and police staff from many different areas of policing, including neighbourhood policing, rural and wildlife crime, the Special Constabulary, armed response, mounted branch, the dog unit and public protection.

"We hope that, as well as being a lot of fun for visitors of all ages, the day will give people a real insight into policing and demonstrate our commitment to Lancashire which includes 24/7 policing, local policing and the investigation of serious crime."

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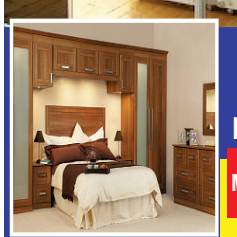

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Edge Hill academic's key role in education project for poor communities

AN academic from Edge Hill University has launched a project in collaboration with a South African University aimed at empowering parents in disadvantaged rural communities.

The project will enable teaching assistants in impoverished rural communities to engage parents in supporting their children at primary school.

Dr Mary McAteer, director of mathematics specialist practice programmes at Edge Hill, is working in partnership with Professor Lesley Wood of North–West University, Potchefstroom and will make her first project visit to South Africa later this month.

The pair, who met through their mutual membership of two global research networks, The Collaborative Action Research Network and The Action Research Network of the Americas, will work with teaching assistants to put together training packages to help parents be more involved in their children's education.

The initial study and pilot for the project will take

Dr Mary McAteer

place at Sapphire primary school, located in a community facing extreme social challenges, before the initiative is rolled out across other schools and communities. The project was made possible due to a Newton Advanced Fellowship award from the British Academy, received by Professor Wood.

Funding for the Newton Advanced Fellowship scheme is offered under the Newton Fund, part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment.

Dr McAteer said: "21 years into democracy in South Africa, access to quality education still eludes those who cannot afford to pay for it. The socio–economic adversities facing the communities in which schools are situated play a large role in their dysfunction.

Yet, within such communities there is a wealth of human resources that can add real value to the quality of teaching and learning. Teaching assistants come from the community and know how to communicate effectively at the level of the parents.

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Survey reveals cost of rural crime soaring

THE findings of a survey by the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) of more than 17,000 people living and working in rural areas throughout England and Wales suggest the true cost of crime there could exceed £800m.

This figure is 21 times higher than previous figures and dwarfs earlier estimates.

The survey also indicates that farmers and hard–pressed young families are the most frequent victims of crime, with the average cost of those crimes to a household being more than £2,500 and for a business in excess of £4,000.

In addition, there appears to be a vicious circle of low expectations, leading to chronic under–reporting, anger, frustration and worry.

The result is increasing fear of crime and significantly lower satisfaction levels with the police than the national average.

Following the findings, the NRCN is making seven recommendations.

These include fair funding for rural areas, more joined up working with partners and communities, building on rural resilience, embedding best practice, developing new policies and ways of working and ensuring a more targeted approach within rural communities.

Key findings of the survey included:

• Financial impact of crime on rural economy is significant

• Fear of crime is increasing

• Low satisfaction rates of police performance in rural areas

• Crime is under–reported in rural areas

Julia Mulligan, chair of the NRCN, said: "Our report comes at a critical time when the structure and funding for policing are being fundamentally reassessed.

"Some of the findings in this report make uncomfortable reading but it is vitally important for the reality of rural crime to be fully acknowledged and acted upon.

"Its actual scale is clearly much greater than we had previously known; £800m is a big number. The low satisfaction rates also need to be a wake–up call for police forces in rural areas and everything should be done to harness the opportunities presented.

"Good, accessible local policing is central to this and I believe police forces which significantly shrink their local teams in rural areas do so at their peril."

College seeking volunteer roles for learners

STAFF at West Lancashire College are encouraging all learners to sign up for volunteer hours to help them enhance their chances of finding work, boost confidence and improve inter–personal skills.

And they are appealing to local companies for their assistance by providing volunteer openings. These could be anything from one hour upwards per week and it's hoped the scheme would be mutually beneficial.

A Volunteer Sign Up event will take place at the college in College Way, Skelmersdale on Wednesday, September 30 from 2 to 3pm. Local companies are invited and should call Linda Marsh on 01695 52385 or email linda.marsh@westlancs.ac.uk in the first instance.

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Hospital radio returns

…with a little help from former mayor

Cllr. Stephenson (seated) is pictured with station manager Bill Jarvis, Eric Phipps from the hospital Trust IT team and radio volunteers.

Report by **Henry James**

HOSPITAL radio has returned to Southport after an absence of more than two years – with a little help from a former Mayor of West Lancs.

Radio Heartbeat is transmitting to the resort via the internet, thanks to support from the charity fund set up by Councillor Doreen Stephenson during her term of office last year and a gift of technical equipment from cloud technologies provider, Novosco.

Station manager Bill Jarvis said: "We're thrilled to be taking our service to Southport after broadcasting only to Ormskirk hospital patients. The system uses a Barix streaming system and patients at Southport hear broadcasts from Ormskirk nine miles away a mere five seconds after they're transmitted from our studio.

"I am particularly grateful to the mayor's charity, Novosco and the technical support we have received from the hospital trust IT team."

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New chick's arrival is 'crowning moment' for wetland centre's cranes

By **Henry James**

AN African crowned crane egg has successfully hatched at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre in Burscough – only the third that has successfully been reared since it was established in 1975.

The chick was born on Tuesday, September 8 and can be viewed with its parents from the aviary in the Weird or Wonderful (WOW) exhibit at the centre.

The adult cranes were paired together in 2014 and are showing all the signs of being good parents by feeding the chick insects and a special diet that Martin Mere staff supply them of grower pellets, wheat and meal worms.

Grounds manager, Steve Nasir, said: "We are absolutely delighted that we have a crowned crane chick. These two adults have only been together for a year and they have unsuccessfully tried to breed twice in the last year, showing that it really was love at first sight.

"The chick is doing really well and has even been for its first paddle in the shallow water. We are looking forward to seeing it grow up into an adult."

The 'proud parents' watch over the newly–arrived African crowned crane chick

African crowned cranes are most notable for their stiff crown of gold feathers on the top of their head. They grow to about 1m (3.3 ft) tall and weigh 3.5 kg (7.7 lbs) with a wingspan of 2 m (6.5 ft).

The chick, in contrast, is orange in colour with "lovely" black markings on its back.

Survey finds teens are drinking less

A SURVEY commissioned by Trading Standards North West has found that young people in Lancashire are drinking less than in previous years.

The report into the drinking and smoking habits of more than 7,000 young people aged 14 to 17 across the region revealed that getting drunk is no longer an automatic rite of passage for young people.

More than 2,150 young people from Lancashire responded to the survey which was distributed as a questionnaire at schools across the county.

It follows on from similar studies carried out every two years across the North West since 2005.

41% of young people who completed the survey say that they never drink alcohol compared to just 13% in 2005.

There have been reductions each year in Lancashire of young people claiming to buy their own alcohol, but 60% of young people who drink say that their parents or guardians buy for or give alcohol to them.

The number of young people claiming to drink alcohol at least once a week has fallen to 11%, from 16% in 2013 and those claiming they drink just to get drunk is down to 25% from 44% in 2013.

The number of teens acting violently or being involved in a fight whilst drunk is down to 12% from 23% in 2013.

In terms of smoking, only one in ten (11%) of young people surveyed said they currently smoke, down from one in six (16%) in 2013.

Some 67% say that they have never tried smoking, an increase of 8% since 2013. However, most young smokers claim to have started at 13 or 14 years old.

A third of young people (37%) say they have tried e–cigarettes, with 17% saying they have used shisha at least once or twice.

However, a worrying new finding is that more than one in 20 of the young people surveyed say they have tried new psychoactive substances ('legal highs') at least once.

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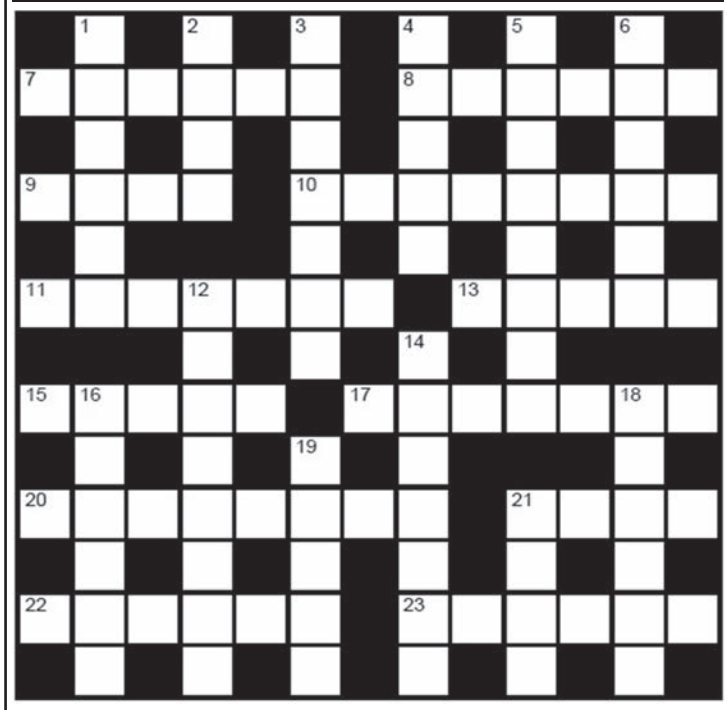

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ACROSS

7 Wading bird with long downcurved bill (6)
8 Messy (6)
9 Animal fat used in making some foods (4)
10 Author (8)
11 Feverish (7)
13 Wall covering (5)
15 To inhibit growth (5)
17 Secretive, sneaky (7)
20 Seriousness, solemnity (8)
21 Group of musicians (4)
22 Move at speed in an uncontrolled manner (6)
23 Used to rub out pencil writing or drawings (6)

DOWN

1 Surgical stitch (6)
2 Coin opening (4)
3 Gradually diminish (7)
4 Bend, meander (5)
5 Trusty (8)
6 American inventor of the phonograph (6)
12 Revamp (8)
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New villagers want to live in the country but have no interest in it

I IMAGINE you must have a pretty fair idea by now of my feelings towards concreting over the Green Belt – particularly if it also happens to be vitally needed Grade 'A' farm land.

But that is not the aspect of the current rush to build anywhere and everywhere that I want to talk about just at the moment.

What I want to consider though is not really directly connected with the most recent building spate – it has been an on–going problem over several years.

Because bad though it is to build on farm land on the Lancashire Plain, usually by simply enlarging existing townships, it perhaps doesn't have quite the same devastating effect that similar building does on genuine small villages.

I should think my observations apply to villages throughout the UK, but my personal experiences have been to hamlets in Norfolk and Suffolk with which I have become familiar over a period of several years.

The problem is that many of the things that worry folk living in such townships as Maghull (where I live) are present with knobs on in a small village.

Over the past five years or so, I've seen quiet villages (well off any principal roads) transformed.

The narrow roads and lanes have become very dangerous for walkers, cyclists and horse riders as car drivers, particularly perhaps those more used to town living, seem to have no conception that anyone might venture out without a motor vehicle.

Many times I have had to climb up a steep bank, complete with thorns and/or nettles and dragging the dog, Tina, behind me as a car swept round a bend at speed within yards of me.

But it's the effect these new ticky–tacky boxes have on the villages themselves that really upsets me. The new homes are usually built as complete estates (of various sizes) immediately outside the previous village limits.

The roads go to nowhere except more houses, so nobody but residents ever has any reason to venture into the 'new' part of town.

And of course, each house must have at least one car (usually two) because the local bus service is but a memory (or runs one or two days a week with one journey each way).

One village I know has lost 'The Railway' pub. Not because the railway no longer runs properly, but because while many local people still use the train to get to and from work, they get to the station by car, so no longer pop into the pub on the way home. They would rather drive to somewhere more posh.

The village shop has also closed – because the same car takes you, down the lanes eventually to the supermarket.

The 'incomers' add nothing to village life. In fact they have killed it off.

They all want to live 'in the country', but have no interest in it.

So, what were until recently quiet, sleepy backwaters, have become places where inhabitants complain about church bells ringing or farm vehicles impeding their vital progress to boutiques or hypermarkets.

The rush for new houses will have serious consequences for us urbanites – for villagers it will be a catastrophe.

West Lancs UKIP plays host to senior party official

SENIOR UK Independence Party official David Soutter was guest speaker at a buffet evening staged by the West Lancashire branch of the party at The Villa in Ormskirk. Mr Soutter gave a talk in support of the UK leaving the European Union.

• Pictured (from left) Gordon Ferguson, Southport UKIP chairman, David Gallagher, chairman of West Lancs UKIP and David Soutter

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Chance for villagers to voice traffic concerns

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A BOROUGH councillor is urging local residents to give their views on traffic concerns at a meeting on Tuesday (September 29) at Westhead Village Hall.

Derby ward representative Phil Hudson says many residents in School Lane, Holly Close and Wigan Road have highlighted issues over speed, parking and traffic safety in the area, particularly since the return of school traffic.

Cllr. Hudson has leafletted 300 homes in the area and wants to ensure that all residents who wish voice their concerns over traffic take this opportunity to do so.

He said: "Since being elected to represent Derby ward this has been among the highest priorities for Westhead residents and something I have been actively working on.

"I have met with Lancashire's cabinet member for highways, County Councillor John Fillis and he agreed to take the concerns raised back to his team at the county council.

"I now have some updates for residents and would value their time to engage in meaningful discussions on how we can resolve the problems we face. For too long now residents have had to put up with high speeds, heavy traffic and far too many parked cars during school starting and finishing times.

"I hope a solution can be worked out and I want the residents to take part as they know what is best for their village."

The meeting will start at 7pm. To submit questions or for more information email Phill4Derby@gmail.com.

Visitors at last year's event **Code1073397**

Military vehicle group gear up for open weekend

MEMBERS of the Heaton's Bridge Military Vehicle Group are gearing up their next open weekend to be held next month.

A range of military vehicles dating from the Second World War World onwards will be on display, along with weapons including bayonets and firearms, at the event at the Heaton's Bridge Inn in Scarisbrick on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4.

The event, which is held twice a year, is free and family–friendly.

One of the organisers, Paul Connolly said: "There will be an array of military vehicles on show from all eras from 1939–45 onwards including Ford, Hotchkiss and Austin Champ Jeeps, Landrovers, four–ton trucks, a Saracen armoured personnel carrier, military motorbikes and military staff cars.

"Members' displays will include a range of militaria including various firearms, bayonets and other weapons, uniforms, radio equipment and field equipment.

"A regular part of the display also is a 25–pounder field gun rig belonging to Frank and Angie Brown, our secretary, comprising a Morris Quad tractor unit, which tows an ammunition limber behind with the field gun itself behind that.

"The Heatons Bridge Inn boasts a good range of real ales and food, all given names to reflect the military theme. The inn itself is located on the canal and the grounds still retain the Second World War free–standing brick pillbox which formed part of the home guard defence provisions.

"An added attraction this year is the chance to see the interior of a Saracen armoured car which has seen service in Korea and Ireland, now owned and refurbished by one of our members, Billy Downs."

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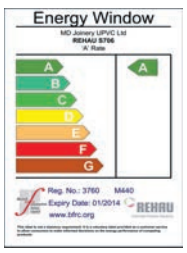

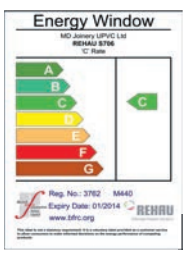

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Deputy mayor shapes up for new role as slimming counsellor

Election appearance 'shocked' Liz into action

By **Danielle Thompson**

DEPUTY Mayor of West Lancashire, Liz Savage, is shaping up for a new role after losing 18lbs in six months.

The Knowsley Ward councillor is set to become a Slimming World counsellor for the Crossens area after she was shocked into losing weight herself by her appearance during the recent General Election when she stood as Labour candidate for Southport.

Councillor Savage, who lives in Tarleton, said: "Since shedding the weight I feel a lot healthier, less sluggish and I've found my circle of friends has increased as I'm enjoying socialising more!

"Previously I skipped regular meals – often because I was so busy I just forgot to eat – causing me to snack throughout the day.

"Ironically I'm eating more now than before but at regular hours."

Liz Savage before her weight loss

Liz now

And the 41–year–old recently achieved a 'Club 10' an award, given to Simming World members who lose 10% of their body weight.

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Care trust re–launches 'dementia passport'

HEALTH professionals in the county are re–introducing a 'tool' used to help people living with dementia feel more comfortable in their surroundings whilst staying away from home.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust committed to the re–launch of the 'This is me' tool when signing up as members of Dementia Action Alliance.

Sometimes known as a 'dementia passport' and originally developed by the Royal College of Nursing in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society, the tool is document containing a photo of the service user along with their likes, dislikes, preferences and daily routines to ensure the transition from living at home to receiving care in any healthcare setting can be as smooth as possible.

It is now being re–introduced by the Older Adult Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Service and rolled out in dementia wards provided by the trust.

The tool supports health and social care staff in gathering personal and life history information from individuals with dementia enabling them to deliver care that is specifically tailored to the individual's needs. It is designed to be completed by the service user where possible, family members or their carer, and kept with them.

Angela Connelly, patient and public experience lead for learning disabilities and older adult mental health (dementia & advanced care) at the trust, said: "The dementia passport can help carers gain a better understanding of the person living with dementia and help reduce some of the difficulties people may experience particularly around communication. It can also assist in maintaining people's physical wellbeing by ensuring their likes and dislikes regarding such things as food and drink are conveyed to the people who care for them."

Talking cats and timeless photos at Chapel Gallery

THERE'S a chance to meet boggarts, haunted hares and talking cats, and be immersed in windswept moorland, snow–capped hills and icy streams at the new King of Cats Exhibition at the Chapel Gallery.

Visual artists Julie Miles, Christopher Rainham, Patricia Ramsden and Marjan Wouda, respond to old Lancashire folk tales and their contemporary re–telling by acclaimed writer and storyteller Jackie Harris, to produce a stunning exhibition of engaging artworks, deeply rooted in the local environment.

The King of the Cats is a touring show supported by the Arts Council England and will be at the West Lancs Council–run gallery in St Helens Road, Ormskirk until Saturday, October 24.

Also currently at the gallery is a new showcase featuring the work of St Helens analogue photographer Alan Smith. This runs until Saturday, October 17.

Alan will not only be exhibiting a collection of his atmospheric analogue photography, but he'll be including a selection of analogue cameras and information relating to age old photographic techniques

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His photography has a timeless, otherworldly feel. He preserves the qualities of negative film and analogue cameras that require patience, concentration and instant reactions. His practice preserves the skills and techniques associated with wet print process photography, where the making of an image is a painstaking, but ultimately rewarding, ritual.

For more information on gallery events go to www.westlancs.gov.uk/events or www.chapelgallery.org.uk.

Reminder to parents to book 2016 school places early via county website

PARENTS wishing to secure school places for their children for autumn 2016 are being reminded to apply now via Lancashire County Council's website.

The closing date is October 31 this year for secondary schools. For primary schools the closing date is January 15, 2016.

However, making sure your application is in early gives you extra time in case you have any queries.

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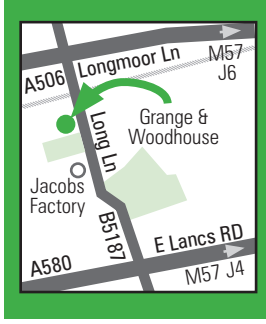

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Library to host free war talk

THERE is a chance to discover how the First World War shaped the lives and experiences of prisoners of war and foreign nationals based in this country at a series of talks organised by Lancashire County Council's community heritage team.

The talk 'Prisoners, Aliens and Belgian Refugees' will visit Tarleton libary on Tuesday, October 27 at 10am.

Andrew Walmsley, Lancashire's community heritage manager, said: "More than one million prisoners of war were taken in the first months of the war which caused problems and accusations of brutal treatment on both sides.

"Germans living in this country became categorised as 'enemy aliens' and held captive on the grounds of national security and legislation was brought in requiring all foreign visitors to register with their local police station. Many Belgians were left homeless and penniless by the outbreak and fled to Britain.

"We'll look at original documentary evidence, photographs, newspapers, censuses and military records and build a picture of the real impact the war had."

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A postcard showing Belgian refugees in Lancashire in 1914

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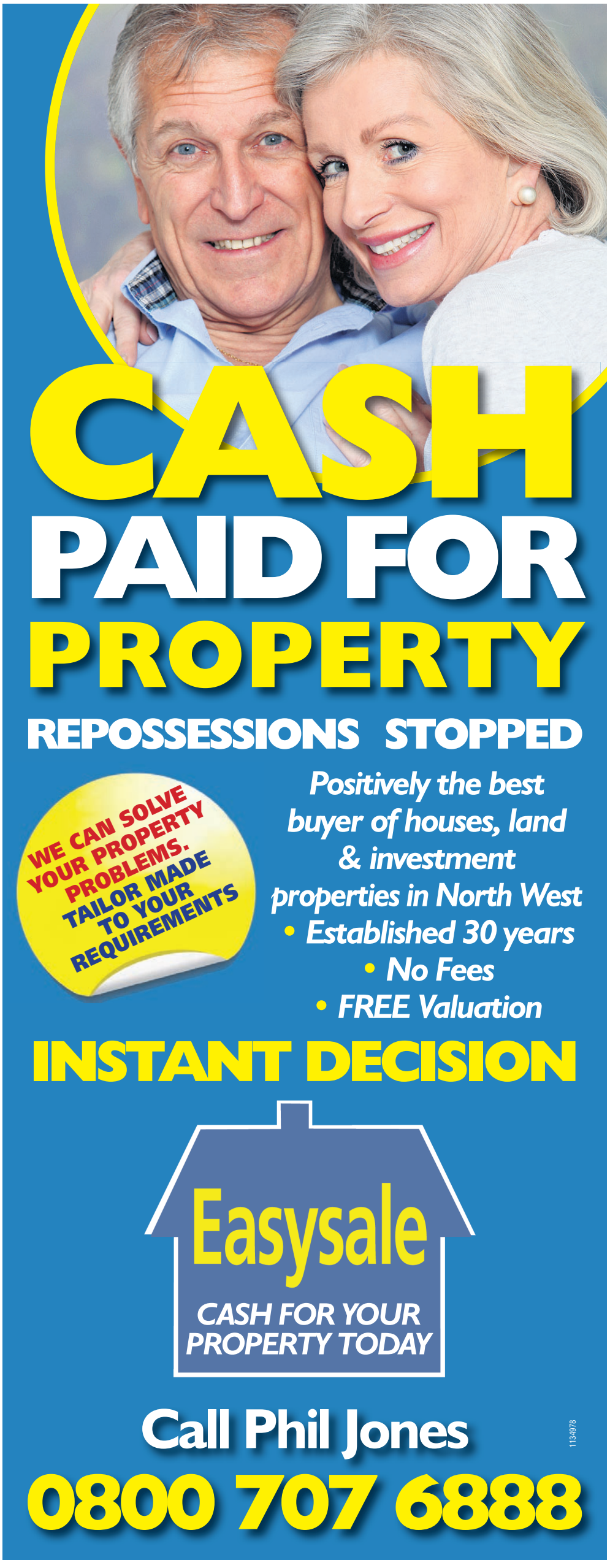

Prize time for village green–fingered gang

GLORIOUS late summer sunshine greeted the judging for this year's Scarisbrick Village Garden Competition and the high standard of entries ensured that the three judges – Peter Scanlon, Peter Sourbutts and Alan Foxall – faced some tough decisions in each of the categories.

A spokesman for the organisers, Scarisbrick Parish Council, said: "We would like to thank all participants and congratulate everyone for the high quality of their entries.

"The council are also indebted to the three judges for giving up their time to ensure an impartial set of results were produced.

"Thanks also go to local sponsors who have provided prizes for the winners – The Farm, The Villa, Primrose Hill Nurseries, Cathay Garden Restaurant, Rufford Vets, Heatons Bridge Inn, Master McGraths Restaurant, Vincent's Nurseries and Mike Griffiths (Transport)."

After much deliberation the results were as follows:

Best overall entry winners (Bill Scarisbrick Memorial Trophy): Mr & Mrs F. Musgrove.

Front garden: 1st Mr and Mrs F. Musgrove (Scarisbrick Nurseries Trophy); 2nd 2 Mr and Mrs R. Guy; 3rd Angela and Robert Sumner.

Rear Garden: 1st Maria Rogers (Alan Foxall Trophy); 2 Mr & Mrs F. Musgrove; 3rd Mr & Mrs R. Guy.

Hanging baskets/window boxes/containers: 1st Angela and Robert Sumner (Scarisbrick Parish Council Trophy); 2nd Mr & Mrs F. Musgrove; 3rd Maria Rogers.

Best entry from a non–prize winner in previous years (Dennis Halsall Trophy): Stephen W. Roberts.

Water feature/garden pond: 1st Stephanie Grimshaw (Holgate Maintenance Trophy); 2nd Maria Rogers.

Mobile Home Garden: 1st Susan Southworth (Hurlston Hall Country Caravan Trophy); 2nd Mr A. Davitt.

Non–domestic premises (Turfland Trophy): Joint 1st Heatons Bridge Inn and Master McGraths Restaurant.

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Golf day raises £2,500 for children's charity

ORMSKIRK–based foreign exchange dealers Currency Matters Elite teamed up with Sports Shield Investments to stage a charity golf day at Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club.

Among the golfers teeing up for the event were former Liverpool and Everton footballers Alan Kennedy, Roy Evans, Joe Royle and Derek Mounfield and the day raised a grand total of £2,500 for Variety, The Children's Charity.

The golf was followed by a meal, raffle and auction with all proceeds raised going to the charity.

Auctioned items included a signed, framed Steven Gerrard Shirt, a cue signed by former world snooker champion, John Parrott and a boxing glove signed by former WBC world heavyweight champion, Frank Bruno.

The event also coincided with the launch of Currency Matters Elite which is a division of Currency Matters Limited founded in 2002 and provides market leading foreign exchange and international payments on a global basis from their head office in Ormskirk.

• Pictured above: Players and guests with Currency Matters CEO Jon Anderson (6th from right) at the charity golf tournament held at Southport & Ainsdale Golf Club. Code1084127

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MP urges residents to get involved in event to mark Somme centenary

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has welcomed the recent announcements regarding the commemoration of the Battle of the Somme centenary.

To mark the anniversary the public will be invited to the Thiepval Memorial in France on July 1 next year. The joint Anglo–French commemoration is expected to attract great public interest and 8,000 tickets will be allocated in pairs, free of charge, through a public online ballot.

The ballot will be open to residents of the UK, France and Ireland on September 28. More details can be found on the Somme 2016 ballot website at www.Somme2016.org

The Somme was one of the bloodiest battles of the First World War resulting in more than a million casualties. A commemorative event is held at the Thiepval Memorial every year, but the centenary event in 2016 will be on a larger scale, with some 10,000 people attending.

Rosie Cooper is encouraging interested West Lancs residents to apply through the online ballot, as well as bidding for funding from the £4m National Lottery Fund.

A further £4m in National Lottery funding through the Heritage Lottery Fund's First World War: Then and Now programme has been announced, so communities can explore, conserve and share local heritage of the war.

This new money will help even more people get involved and explore the inspirational stories of the conflict including those surrounding the Battle of the Somme.

Ms Cooper said: "The centenary of the Battle of the Somme is a time for reflection and commemoration.

"It is also an opportunity to educate a new generation of young people about the extraordinary events of 100 years ago and to bring to life some of the personal stories from this remarkable sacrifice by thousands of British, Irish and French soldiers.

"Residents of West Lancashire should take the opportunity to apply for tickets through the online ballot for what will be a unique celebration of the lives of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

"Also, with an extra £4m of lottery funding available for projects, I would encourage all schools, scout groups, community groups, parish councils and churches to consider applying for a grant to carry out a project to commemorate our fallen heroes."

Previous World War commemoration activities to receive lottery funding included All Saints Primary School in Appley Bridge who designed and built a Remembrance Garden after a letter from Ms Cooper encouraging local schools to get involved.

Rosie Cooper

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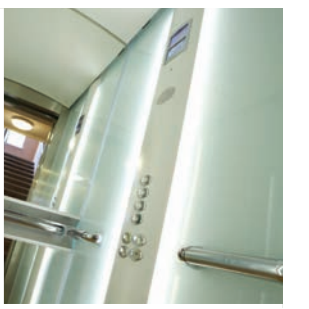

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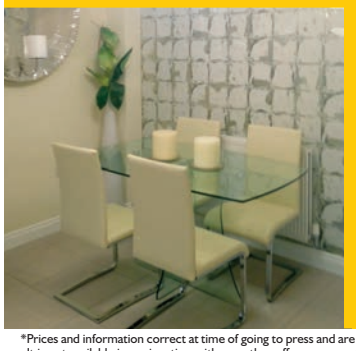

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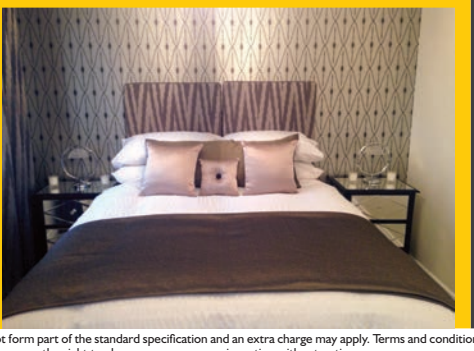

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Douglas music present details of next concert

DOUGLAS Music is to present the concert pianist, Janina Fialkowska, she who follows in the tradition of Anton Rubinstein and Alfred Cortot, two legendary interpreters of Chopin, who have both appeared at Parbold.

Born to a Canadian mother and a Polish father in Montreal, Janina Fialkowska won the first prize in the Radio Canada National Talent Festival and will perform in the borough On Saturday, October 3 at 7pm.

The University of Montreal awarded her both advanced degrees of Baccalaureat and Maitrise by the time she was only 17.

After her prize–winning performance in his Master Piano Competition, Arthur Rubinstein launched her career as his protégé. She passes on the tradition of playing the works of Chopin of the great Moldovan virtuoso, Anton Rubinstein who played for and studied with Chopin and Liszt.

Janina's Chopin Recital recording was among The Sunday Times Top 10 Best Classical Album of 2010 and her Chopin Recital No.2 won Instrumentalist of the year in 2012.

In January 2002 at the onset of a major European tour, Janina Fialkowska's career was brought to a dramatic halt by the discovery of a tumour in her left arm. After successful surgery to remove the cancer, Ms Fialkowska underwent further surgery: a rare muscle–transfer procedure.

After 18 months of performing the Ravel and Prokofiev "concertos for the left hand" which she transcribed for her right hand she has resumed her two–handed career beginning with a tremendously successful and highly emotional recital held in Germany in January 2004.

Critics comment that they have watched her transformation from a brilliant pianist to a great one in the intervening years.

The second half of Janina's Parbold concert is devoted entirely to Chopin's Polanaise, Scherzo, Mazurkas and Ballade No 4.

The concert will begin with an early work by Ludwig van Beethoven, admired by Chopin and which Beethoven had played at his own funeral, and Richard Schumann's Carnival Scenes of Vienna.

Janina Fialkowska Code NA

For more information see: www.parbolddouglasmusic.org

Chance to audition for High School Hell The Musical

ROSE Youth Theatre is looking for new members to audition for High School Hell the Musical.

The show is about Montgomary Boarding School and when students arrive there they expect a life of luxury. Little do they know what they are about to encounter.

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It is now up to these few students to find a way to stop this Seeker as they embark through the hidden world on an epic adventure.

Initial auditions will take place on Saturday, October 3 at The Arts Centre, Edge Hill University, from 10am – 2pm. The sessions are for everyone aged between 10 – 18 years. People are advised to bring a packed lunch.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings 7pm – 9pm for the older age group or Saturday afternoon 1.30pm – 3.30pm for the younger age group.

Participants will work through a devising process as well as rehearsing with scripts. It is anticipated that High School Hell the Musical with be performed in the Arts Centre in spring 2016.

The Rose Youth Theatre is an established Performing Arts group, set up in partnership with West Lancs Borough Council, made up of young people ranging in age from eight to 18 years, working towards both devised and scripted performances in either the Studio or the Rose Theatre.

Both Theatres are situated within the Arts Centre at Edge Hill University.

Ring the Box Office on 01695 584480 or email gibbonsj@edgehill.ac.uk to register your interest in either auditioning for High School Hell the Musical or joining the Rose Youth Theatre.

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Atkinson continues to bring top Americana artists to area

THE Atkinson continues to bring top Americana artists to Merseyside and tomorrow (Thursday, September 24) singer/songwriter Danny Schmidt ft: Carrie Elkin will be at the venue.

Named to the Chicago Tribune's 50 Most Significant Songwriters in the Last 50 Years, Austin, TX–based singer/songwriter Danny Schmidt has been rapidly ascending from underground cult hero to being widely recognized as an artist of significance.

With lyrical depth drawing comparisons to Leonard Cohen, Townes Van Zandt, and Dave Carter, Danny is considered a preeminent writer, an artist whose earthy poetry manages to somehow conjure magic from the mundane, leading Sing Out Magazine to tag him, "Perhaps the best new songwriter we've heard in the last 15 years." He performs solo almost exclusively, armed with just his voice, his words, and his acoustic guitar.

After garnering unanimous critical praise for his self–released Parables & Primes album in 2005, Danny's follow up release, Little Grey Sheep in 2007 began an unbroken streak of albums that have charted at on the Folk Radio Charts, internationally.

After also winning the prestigous Kerrville New Folk award in 2007, Danny won the notice of venerable Americana roots label, Red House Records, who began releasing his albums in 2009, starting with the critically acclaimed album, Instead The Forest Rose To Sing, thus exposing a much broader audience to Danny's music, alongside such notable artists as Greg Brown.

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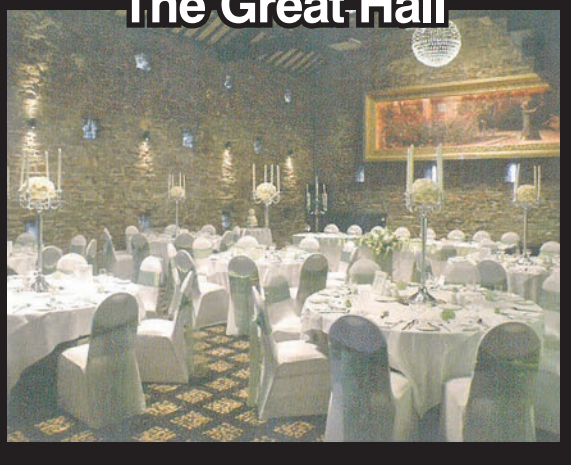

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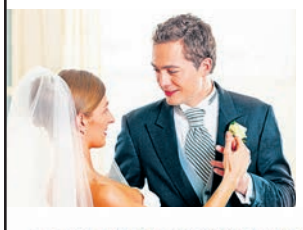

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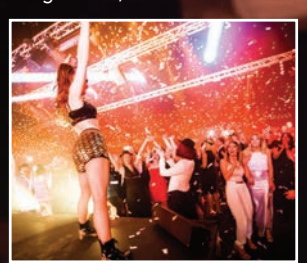

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BIKES

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FOR SALE Currys Wine Cooler CWC16B11 little used as new £40 ono o.n.o. 01704871480

GARDEN SHED Metal garden shed for sale in Churchtown area of Southport. 6ftx4ft. Green. Buyer to dismantle and remove ASAP please. £20 07761479792

GEORGE FOREMAN MACHINE lean mean fat, grilling, hardly used £8 01695 575773

GOLD 4 SEATER SOFA Comfortable rich gold four seater sofa. MeasurementsD84cm/2ft9', H86cm/2ft10', L2m62cm/8ft7'. Good condition but one seat has a support board, buyer collects. £25 o.n.o. 01695573147

HEADBOARD A Richard Henry double bed headboard, in very good condition, coral in colour, bargain. £49.00 07530562650

HSL CHAIR Like New only used for about 7 days Hampton legged comfort chair. High backed. Extra deep wings. Hardwood frame. Scroll legs. Spare arm covers. Cost over £650 Bargain £200 01704 220356

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MANUAL RECLINER ARMCHAIRS 3 Manual recliner armchairs in deep red, excellent condition buyer to remove. Will sell separately. £75.00 each 01704505446

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TASSIMO COFFEE MACHINE T12. Used but in good condition pickup Southport £30 07840772573

THREE PIECE SUITE Beautiful cream italian leather three seater sofa plus two chairs, excellent condition £500 01695 424439

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MORGAN Jean

9th September 2015

Her husband Alf and all the family would like to thank all relatives and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown to us during our recent bereavement. It was Jean's wish to have no fuss and a simple funeral. A special thanks to Eleanor West for her support and for visiting Jean at the Four Seasons, Victoria Care Home, Rainford during her long illness. Also for her kind ministrations and continuing support and kindness. We also wish to thank Margaret at Skelmersdale Funeral Service for her understanding of Jean's request, last but not least to Four Seasons Victoria Care Home for the care that Jean received there. Thank you also for donations received for Alzheimer's and dementia societies both will share. A big thank you to all.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

COMERFORD Norma

Jimmy and the family of the late Norma Comerford who died on 5th September wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone for their kind words and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement.

Also thank you for the donations amounting to £600 for Queenscourt Hospice, Southport .

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

GARNER David

3rd September 2015

Barbara and family would like to thank everyone for their kind message of sympathy and donations received for Cancer Research UK. A lovely send off for a lovely man, thank you to all.

Thank you to Rev'd Tracey McLoughlin for the caring service and thank you to Margaret and the team at Skelmersdale Funeral Service for their caring and dignified funeral arrangements.

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ROWLSTON FRANCIS HARVEY

Barbara and Pamela wish to thank relatives and friends for the cards and lovely flowers. For the beautiful service given by Rev. Sonya Marshall. The staff at Manchester House Care Home for the kind and loving care of Frank. Also Wendy of Howard's Funeral Directors for her professional attention throughout.

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DEATHS

GREENWOOD ANDREW "Andy"

September 13th 2015
Aged 82 years

Much loved husband of Joan, beloved dad to Anita, Andrew, Dawn, Sandra and the late Anthony. A dear father-in-law, grandad and great-grandad. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 24th September at 10:40am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Southport Offshore Rescue Trust (S.O.R.T). Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Gregson Julia Diana (Di)

on 12th September 2015, suddenly at home
aged 97 years

Loving wife of the late Luke, devoted Mum of Dominic and Terry (Decd), dear mother in law of Ada, cherished Grandma and Great Grandma of all her grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary Queen of Apostles Church on Wednesday 30th September at 11.00am followed by interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

LAYCOCK Charles Roy (Roy)

Passed away peacefully on 18th September 2015
Aged 75 years of Burscough

Devoted Husband of Shirley, dearly loved Dad of Deborah, dear Father-in-law of Colin, cherished Grandad of Toby and beloved Brother of the late June. Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 29th September at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road North, Burscough. Tel 01704 891555.

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DEATHS

GOUGH Rita

on 17th September 2015

Peacefully in hospital aged 82 years.

Loving wife of the late Harry, devoted mum of Lee, dear mother in law of Caroline and cherished nan of Grace. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St. Paul's church on Friday 25th September at 9.45am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request donations if desired for British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

SPENCER Norman James

August 19th 2015
Sadly after short illness (No more pain)

Norman Son of the late James and Jessie Spencer, Brother to Brenda (deceased), loving Brother to Stanley and Brother-in-law to Ann. Also Uncle to Colin, Janice, Joanne and Alison, Paul, Lawrence and Graeme. Great Uncle to Jamie, Georgia, Elle, Lewis and Charlotte. Will be sadly missed by all. Funeral service at St Pauls Church, Skelmersdale on 23rd September 2015 at 1pm then on to Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool for committal at 2.30pm. Family flowers only by request. Donations gratefully accepted for Macmillan Nurses c/o Devonports of Skelmersdale, 117 Birleywood, Skelmersdale WN8 9HR. Tel 01695 731199.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ball Colin

In loving memory of Colin who passed away 1 year ago on 23rd September 2014

We thought of you today,
but that is nothing new,
we thought about you yesterday,
and days before that too.
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,
now all we have are memories,
and your picture in this frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
with which we'll never part,
god has you in his keeping,
we have you in our heart.

Loved and remembered always
Deborah, Jasmine and Elliot
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IN MEMORIAM

BURKE Evelyn

26th September 2013

Loved and missed every day.
They say there is a reason.
They say that time will heal.
But neither time or reason will change the way we feel.
For no one knows the heart ache that lies behind the smiles.
No one knows the many times we've broken down and cried.
We'd like to tell you something so there will be no doubt, you're so wonderful to think of, and so hard to be without.
From all your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
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IN MEMORIAM

BERKLEY Peter

29th September 2014

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Immaculate Virgin,
assist me in this my necessity.
O, Star of the Sea, help me and show herein you are my mother.
O, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth,
I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.
There are none that can withstand your power,
O, show me here you are my mother.
O, Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to Thee.
Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands.
Amen. **K.W.**

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PRAYER

NOVENA TO SAINT MARTHA

Saint Martha,
I resort to thee and to thy petition and faith.
I offer up to thee this light
which I shall burn every Tuesday,
For nine Tuesdays.
Comfort me in all my difficulties
Through the great favour
Thou didst enjoy when our saviour
Lodged in thy house

I beseech thee to have definite pity
In regard to the favour I ask
(mention the favour)

Intercede for my family that we may always be provided for
In all our necessities.

I ask of thee, Saint Martha,
to overcome all difficulties
as thou didst overcome the dragon
which thou hadst at thy feet.

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Three Hail Mary's
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PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. **M.R**

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0810/COU Change of use from childs soft play centre to gym with 2 retail units. Returning the office space to its original use of offices. (Part retrospective) at Unite Fitness Ltd, Moorgate, Ormskirk.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0951/FUL Residential development including 4 no. three bedroom detached dwellings; 3 no. four bedroom detached dwellings and associated external works at The Barrons, 104 Church Road, Tarleton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

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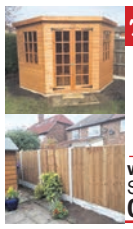

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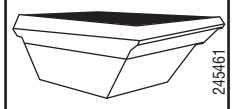
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AS NOBLE callings go saving the planet isn't exactly glamorous. Sorting out recyclables from household rubbish, paying 5p for shopping bags and sticking solar panels on your roof isn't exactly the stuff of dreams.

Happily, this worthy–but–dull drive to keep the environmentalists happy needn't extend to driving itself. As long as you've got a spare £76,412 lying down the back of the sofa it's now entirely possible to help save the planet – by buying a turbocharged Porsche 911.

In fact, buying a turbocharged sports car is now the ONLY option you've got if you want a brand new 911 (which, I suspect, most of you do). There are all sorts of complicated explanations for why turbochargers are beneficial but the end result is a sort of automotive alchemy where weedy engines can be persuaded to work harder than bigger, heavier ones.

Anyone who went to school in the Eighties will already have learned from their bedroom walls that Porsche knows a fair bit about using turbos to eke a little extra out of the 911. In fact you'll be pleased to learn that even in the latest model range there'll be a proper 911 Turbo.

Turbochargers went on to make Formula One cars unfeasibly fast (until they were banned) and flame–spitting rally cars a bit too tricky to handle, and in the 1990s your diesel hatchback wasn't complete without one. Unlike hybrids and electric cars, turbocharging has instant petrolhead currency too. For anyone who disagrees, I present the Volvo T5, the Audi Quattro, the Ford Escort RS Cosworth and the Mitsubishi Evo.

But this time Porsche's been clever. It's used turbochargers as an excuse to make the 911's engines smaller and – here's the important bit – more efficient and kinder to the environment. Where the outgoing Carrera had a 3.4–litre flat six, this one makes do with just three litres, and you'll get more to the gallon too. It's essentially the same trick Honda's pulled off with its diesel offerings – swapping a 2.2–litre engine for an equally gutsy 1.6–litre – and the magic ingredient that makes Ford's paperweight of an Ecoboost engine work is the hoofing great turbocharger it's married to.

So there you have it – you can tell your Greenpeace pals that the new 911 is entirely sensible as green–minded purchases go. Just don't tell them it's 20bhp more powerful and seven seconds quicker around the Nurburgring or you're stuffed.

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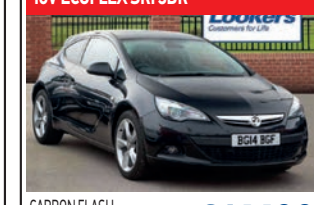

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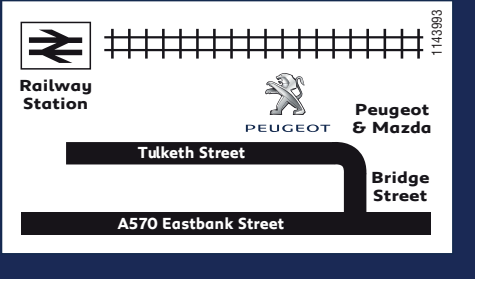

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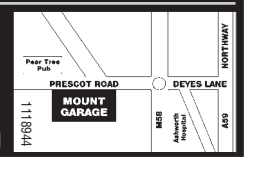

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Cup success takes its toll

Ashton United 5
Skelmersdale United 0

FOUR goals arrived in the last 18 minutes giving Ashton who were clearly the better team on the day victory by a margin that flattered them somewhat.

Skelmersdale had hung on well until the 72nd minute when former Skem player Adam Morning made it 2–0 and opened the floodgates.

Ashton soon asserted themselves and a long ball was headed on by Dale Johnson, putting Martin Pilkington clean in on goal and he finished well, low into the corner.

Skem kept themselves in the game with some fine defending. In one frantic spell, Fearon saved from Johnson then Pilkington had a shot blocked, before Fearon saved again from Pilkington.

The crucial second goal came when an unmarked Morning chipped the ball over an advancing Fearon and into the net.

Two minutes later Morning crossed from the left to the far post and Jay Gorton headed home.

Substitute Jody Banim then made it four before Johnson got in on the scoring in added time.

Skelmersdale didn't pose a great deal of attacking threat on the day, and when the second goal went in the impact of a long injury list and two hard FA Cup games combined to finish them off.

A number of Skelmersdale supporters were very critical of the team in the latter stages.

Although they were disappointed, under the circumstances it was not fair comment from them.

Injury–plagued Skem boosted by Ince's return

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

INJURY–hit Skelmersdale have at last got a couple of players back to full fitness.

Defender Tony Rendell was expected back for Tuesday's home match against Sutton Coldfield Town, while another long term injury victim, Tom Ince is also fit again.

Rendell suffered an ankle injury at Mickleover two weeks ago, which kept him out for the brace of FA Cup games against Glossop and Saturday's league game at Ashton United.

Ince has had a serious knee injury that has kept him out for eleven months, and his recovery will be welcomed by the supporters.

Ince started training in mid–August and has gradually built–up his fitness and concluded his recovery with a spell playing for Prescot Cables in Evo–Stik Division One North.

Tom Ince

It is back to FA Cup action on Saturday for Skem as they make the short trip to Bamber Bridge for their second qualifying round tie. It will not be easy though as Brig sit 12th position in the table, and have most of the squad that reached the play–offs for promotion in the least two seasons. Added to that they have now got former Premier League striker Brett Ormerod in their forward line who can list Southampton, Leeds and Blackpool among his former clubs.

Skelmersdale will play at home on Tuesday, September 29. If Skelmersdale draw at Bamber Bridge the replay will be that night at Stormy Corner, but if there is a result on Saturday, Skelmersdale will play Darlington 1883, the former Football League club. The Quakers, at the time of writing this article, are top of the Evo–Stik Premier Division.

Manager Tommy Lawson says that he expects to bring another popular player to the club before the end of the week but he cannot reveal the identity yet. All will be revealed in next week's Champion.

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Linnets find winning form in style

Burscough 3
Harrogate Railway 2

BURSCOUGH'S recent run of poor league form came to a dramatic and welcome end on Saturday when they twice came from behind to claim maximum points against Harrogate Railway.

Trailing 1–0 at half time John Connolly equalised in the 52 minute only moments after Paul Williams blazed a penalty over the bar.

Jack Stockdill put the Railway back in front, a lead they held for most of the second half, until two goals in the final ten minutes from Liam Caddick and John Conway gave Burscough three much needed points.

On Saturday Burscough face a tough return to Emirates FA Cup action with a long trip to Spennymoor Town kick off 3pm.

This is followed on Tuesday with a home fixture at Victoria Park against Trafford, kick off 7.45pm.

Mason super strike as Richmond bag four

Dalton United 1
Burscough Richmond 4

RICHMOND went ahead when Jimmy Hanson scored from 8 yards out. After the break a miss–kick adjudged to be a back pass led to a leveller from a free kick. On the hour a super strike from former Burscough player Mike Mason found the top corner of the net to put Richmond back in front. Scott Taylor headed home a well flighted corner kick for the third before substitute striker Andy Kenyon got a tap–in.

The win put Richmond into second place in the West Lancashire League Division One with an game away at Haslingden on Saturday.

Youngsters shine with the bat in big win for Ormskirk

THE 2015 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition drew to a dramatic close on Saturday, with Southport & Birkdale relegated from the top flight after the combination of a 4 wicket defeat at Bootle and Wallasey's 23 run victory over Rainhill.

After being put in to bat S&B were bowled out for 176, with Josh Bohannon (61), Chris Brownlow (24) and Jack Morris–Holland (22) scoring the bulk of the runs, whilst Greg Butterworth took 3–62 with the ball.

In reply, former S&B opener and current Bootle skipper Craig Prince led his side to victory with an unbeaten 81 in his side's 179–6 total, with Morris–Holland claiming half the wickets to fall with 3–21.

Ormskirk won by 85 runs at Lytham and their total of 184 was down in no small part to youngsters Michael Jones (51), George Lavelle (49) and Andy Baybutt (36).

Danny Edwards 5–48 and Anthony Mulligan 4–46 were the pick of the bowlers.

In reply, Jamie Barnes took 5–18 while Mulligan was top scorer with 45 as the hosts were dismissed for 99.

On Sunday, Northern were beaten by Blackheath in the final of the National KO by 9 wickets at Beckenham, after electing to bat Northern were restricted to 161–9 (45 overs) with Ryan Maddock top scoring with 58, whilst opening bowler Lee took 3–25. In reply, Blackheath cruised to 162–1 inside 30 overs to wrap up victory, against a Northern side that can be very proud of their efforts to reach the final of amateur crickets' biggest competition.

Stone cleans up at Caldy in an easy victory for Burscough

SECOND Division champions Burscough finished off with a 128 run home win over Caldy, as Jon Stone (58), Michael Bimpson (57*) and Brendan Domigan (32) helped the hosts to 179 all out, with Stewart Pilley taking 5–32.

Hightown St Mary's were beaten by 7 wickets at Orrell Red Triangle, the visitors were bowled out for 119 and in reply the hosts reached 122–3 to seal promotion.

In reply, an inspired 5–8 from man of the match Stone and 3–6 from Lee Berrie then helped dismiss Caldy for just 51.

In the First Division, Ainsdale won by 65 runs at Prestatyn, posted 212–6 dec up on the board, thanks to valuable runs from Darren Tyms (47) and 46 each from Tom Prescott and Andy Davies who finished unbeaten. In reply, spin twins Adnan Rasool and Adam Friar both took 5–47 as the hosts were dismissed for 147.

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